

Remarks

This is responsive to the final Office Action (Paper No. 10) mailed November 6, 2003.

The Applicant has provided certain minor post-final amendments hereinabove to the specification and claims. The amendment to the specification amends the title to better conform to the claimed subject matter.

Independent claims 34, 41 and 47 have each generally been amended to recite the predetermined value (threshold level) as being selected to control an output characteristic of the power supply. Support for these amendments is found in the application including the original language of claims 37 and 50, in the specification at page 1, lines 24-27 (last four lines of the last full paragraph on page 1); page 2, lines 5-9 (second full paragraph on page 2); and page 9, lines 13-17 (first five lines of the second full paragraph on page 9).

Claims 40 and 41 have also been amended to improve the readability thereof.

These post-final amendments are believed to be proper, do not introduce new matter, will not provide an undue burden upon the Examiner including the need for further searching, and serve to place the application in proper condition for allowance. The Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner enter these amendments.

With the entering of these amendments, the status of the claims is now as follows:

| <u>Claim</u> | <u>Status</u> |
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| 34. (Once Amended) | Independent. |
| 35. (Added 8/1/03) | Depends from claim 34. |
| 36. (Added 8/1/03) | Depends from claim 34. |
| 37. (Added 8/1/03) | Depends from claim 34. |
| 38. (Added 8/1/03) | Depends from claim 34. |
| 39. (Added 8/1/03) | Depends from claim 34. |
| 40. (Once Amended) | Depends from claim 34. |

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| 41. (Once Amended) | Independent. |
| 42. (Added 8/1/03) | Depends from claim 41. |
| 43. (Added 8/1/03) | Depends from claim 41. |
| 44. (Added 8/1/03) | Depends from claim 43. |
| 45. (Added 8/1/03) | Depends from claim 41. |
| 46. (Added 8/1/03) | Depends from claim 45. |
| 47. (Once Amended) | Independent. |
| 48. (Added 8/1/03) | Depends from claim 47. |
| 49. (Added 8/1/03) | Depends from claim 47. |
| 50. (Added 8/1/03) | Depends from claim 49. |
| 51. (Added 8/1/03) | Depends from claim 47. |

Power of Attorney

An updated Power of Attorney was filed on August 12, 2003 which reflected a new attorney and correspondence address of record for this case (as reflected below). The final Office Action was mailed to the previous address.

Hence, a copy of this updated Power of Attorney is being submitted herewith for the Examiner's convenience, along with a request that future communications be directed to the updated attorney and address of record.

Objection to Claims

The final Office Action objected to claim 40 due to the use of the phrase "a power supply." This has been changed to "the power supply," as requested by the Examiner.

Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

The final Office Action rejected claims 34-36, 38-40, 47, 48 and 51 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,574,608 issued to Fukuoka ("Fukuoka '608"). Claims 41-43, 45 and 46 were rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No.

4,804,901 issued to Pertessis et al. (“Pertessis ‘901”). These rejections are respectfully traversed and will be discussed in view of the claim amendments presented above.

In the “Allowable Subject Matter” section of the final Office Action (see page 5), the Examiner correctly noted that Fukuoka ‘608, Pertessis ‘901 and the other art of record fail to disclose how the capacitor value is determined, and further do not disclose the charge value being based on the amount of charge that will cause a voltage spike.

Instead, Fukuoka ‘608 uses a constant current source 38 (FIG. 1) to charge the capacitor 35, and the capacitor 35 is subsequently selectively discharged when a locked rotor condition in a motor 4 is detected. See, e.g., Fukuoka ‘608, col. 5, lines 15-42 and FIGS. 1 and 3. Pertessis ‘901 uses the capacitor 84 to selectively time the switching in and out of the start coil 16 during a motor start-up sequence. See, e.g., Pertessis ‘901, col. 9, line 61 to col. 10, line 6; col. 11, lines 55-66; and FIGS. 3 and 5.

Fukuoka ‘608 and Pertessis ‘901, as well as the other art of record, are thus silent with regard to selecting the predetermined threshold to control an output characteristic of the power supply, as now claimed by independent claims 34, 41 and 47. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(b).

Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The final Office Action rejected claims 44 and 49 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over various combinations of Fukuoka ‘608, Pertessis ‘901, U.S. Patent No. 4,410,845 issued to Lockyear (“Lockyear ‘845”) and U.S. Patent No. 5,017,854 issued to Gully et al. (“Gully ‘854”).

These rejections are also respectfully traversed and the Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of these claims on the basis that these claims depend from base claims believed to be patentable for the foregoing reasons.

Allowable Subject Matter

The final Office Action indicated that dependent claims 37 and 50 were objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The Applicant gratefully acknowledges this indication of allowability, and has amended independent claims 34, 41 and 47 as discussed above to generally incorporate subject matter from these claims relating to the controlling of an output characteristic of the power supply.

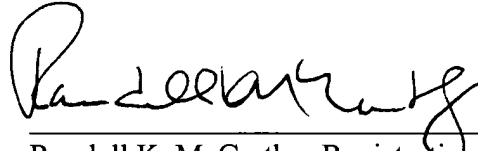
Conclusion

This is intended to be a complete response to the final Office Action (Paper No. 10) mailed November 6, 2003. The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims pending in the application.

Correspondence and inquires concerning this case should be directed to the below
signed attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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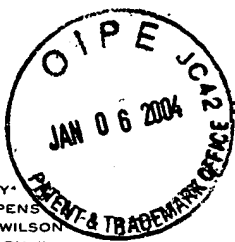
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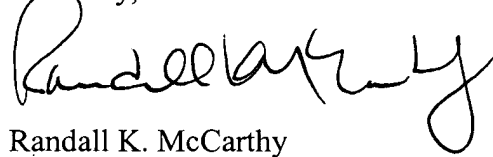
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Sincerely,

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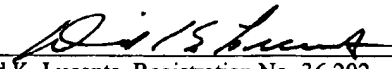
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Seagate Technology LLC states that it is the Assignee of Entire Interest in the patent application/patent identified above by virtue of an Assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application/patent identified above. A copy of the Assignment is attached and/or was recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 012329, Frame 0123. The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to sign this statement on behalf of the Assignee.

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